WHOLE CONSTITUTES AN AREA HAVING SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND. THE STATE HAS UNDERTAKEN A BROAD RANGE OF PROGRAMS, OFTEN INVOLVING THE EXPENDITURE OF STATE FUNDS, TO PRESERVE AND ENHANCE THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS.

- (B) THE COUNCIL ON THE STATE CAPITAL IS CREATED TO ACT PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF, AND WITH THE APPROVAL OF, THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS. THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL SHALL CONSIST OF THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES, THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE PLANNING AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CAPITAL CITY COMMISSION, ALL SERVING EX OFFICIO. THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS SHALL APPOINT ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL TO ACT AS CHAIRMAN. THE COUNCIL SHALL MEET AT THE REQUEST OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OR AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHAIRMAN.
- (C) THE FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL ON THE STATE CAPITAL SHALL BE:
- (1) TO ADVISE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS ON THE IMPACT OF STATE PROGRAMS ON THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS AND ITS IMMEDIATE ENVIRONS AND HOW THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MAY DIRECT THOSE PROGRAMS TO PRESERVE AND ENHANCE THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS.
- [[(2) WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, TO ACT FOR THE STATE OR THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS IN THE ACQUISITION, MANAGEMENT, DISPOSITION OF REAL PROPERTY, OR ANY INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY, WHERE THE PURPOSE OF THE STATE OWNERSHIP OF OTHER INTEREST IS TO ENHANCE AND PROTECT THE CHARACTER OF THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS, INCLUDING ITS IMMEDIATE ENVIRONS.]]
- [[(3)]] (2) TO SERVE AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE, AND IN PLACE OF THE MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST, WITH RESPECT TO THE LEASE BETWEEN THE MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST AND HISTORIC ANNAPOLIS, INC., DATED FEBRUARY 21, 1969, PROVIDING FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE PACA HOUSE, AND WITH RESPECT TO THE LEASE BETWEEN THE MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST AND THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, AND HISTORIC ANNAPOLIS, INC., DATED NOVEMBER 17, 1972, PROVIDING FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE PACA GARDENS.
- [[(4) AT THE REQUEST OF AND WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, TO ACT FOR THE STATE IN THE MANAGEMENT OF ANY OTHER REAL PROPERTY, OR INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY, WITHIN THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS, OR ITS IMMEDIATE ENVIRONS.]]
- [[(5)]] (3) AT THE DIRECTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, SUPERVISE THE PREPARATION OF STUDIES,